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# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

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# MINUTES OF THE SYNOD,

## AT KINGSTON, 1852.

### SESSION I.

At Kingston, and within Chalmers' Church there, the ninth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two years, the which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada met, according to appointment; and after Sermon by the Rev. ROBERT BOYD, A.M., *Moderator*, from Galatians sixth chapter and sixth verse, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things," was constituted.

The Synod Roll was made up as follows:—

[*The names of ministers who were present at any of the Sessions are marked with an Asterisk.*]

### PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|---|---|---|
| *Robert Burns, D.D.... | *John McMurrich..... | *Knox's Church, Toronto.* |
| *Henry Esson, A.M..... | ..... | *Prof. of Moral Phil. Knox's Col.* |
| *Michael Willis, D.D..... | ..... | *Professor of Theology.* |
| James Harris..... | ..... | |
| Alexander Gale, A.M..... | ..... | *Principal of Toronto Academy.* |
| *James Finlay..... | *William Heron ..... | *Whitby.* |
| Duncan McMillan..... | ..... | *Caledon and Erin.* |
| *Thomas Lowry..... | ..... | *Barrie and Innisfil.* |
| Andrew T. Holmes .. | *Samuel Wallace..... | *Chinguacousy & Toronto Towns'p* |
| *Thomas Wightman.. | *William Ferguson..... | *York Mills and Scarboro'.* |
| John McLachlan..... | ..... | *Acton and Boston.* |
| James Boyd..... | ..... | *Markham.* |
| James Nisbet..... | David Duff..... | *Oakville and Dundas-street.* |
| *Robert Ure..... | *James Paterson..... | *Streetsville.* |
| John Mitchell..... | ..... | *Brock and Reach.* |

## PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—(*Continued.*

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|---|---|---|
| *John Gray | *Thomas Dallas | *Oro, Orillia, and Medonte.* |
| *Jos. Alexander, A.M | | *Union and Norval.* |
| | | *2nd Congregation, Toronto.* |
| | | *King.* |
| | | *Vaughan.* |
| | | *West Gwillimbury.* |
| | | *Thorah and Eldon.* |
| | | *Euphrasia, St. Vincent & Collingwood.* |
| | | *Nottawasaga, Osprey, and Sunnidale.* |
| | | *Nassagaweya.** |
| | | *Mono, Essa, and Tosorontio.* |
| | | *Humber and Highland Creek.* |

THOMAS WIGHTMAN, York Mills, *Presbytery Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|---|---|---|
| James Douglass | Thomas Lowry | *Cavan and Millbrook.* |
| *Donald McLeod | Andrew Jeffrey | *Cobourg.* |
| *John M. Roger | *William Tully | *Peterboro'.* |
| *John W. Smith | *James Carruthers | *Grafton and Colborne.* |
| *William J. Mackenzie | *Andrew Ross | *Baltimore and Cold Springs.* |
| *Francis Andrews | Duncan Drummond | *Otonabee.* |
| *John Smith | *John McLaughlin | *Bowmanville and Inniskillen.* |
| | | *Cartwright and Manvers.* |
| | | *Dummer and Norwood.* |
| | | *Percy and Alnwick.* |

JOHN W. SMITH, Grafton, Haldimand, *Presbytery Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|---|---|---|
| *James Rogers | *James Gibson | *Demorestville.* |
| Henry Gordon | *Hon. John McDonald | *Gananoque.* |
| *William Reid | *Samuel Anderson | *Picton.* |
| *Robert Reid | *A. Rankin | *Kingston, Brock-street.* |
| *William Gregg | *George Robertson | *Belleville.* |
| *Robert F. Burns | *J. R. Dickson, M.D | *Kingston, Chalmers' Church.* |
| *Andrew Hudson | *James Forrester | *Huntingdon and Tyendinaga.* |
| | | *Madoc.* |
| | | *Ballinahinch, Storrington, &c.* |

WILLIAM GREGG, Belleville, *Presbytery Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|---|---|---|
| *William Smart | | *Brockville.* |
| *Robert Boyd | *Joseph Reid | *Prescott.* |
| *James Geggie | John Miller | *Spencerville.* |
| *W. J. McDowell | Andrew Carson | *South Gower.* |
| *John McMurray | *James Breakenridge | *Brockville.* |

JAMES GEGGIE, Spencerville, *Presbytery Clerk.*

* Nassagaweya has now been transferred to the Presbytery of Hamilton.



## PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|---|---|---|
| William Lochead | Alexander Stewart | *Osgoode and Gloucester.* |
| *Simon C. Fraser | James Carmichael | *McNab and Horton.* |
| *Thomas Wardrope | *Donald Kennedy | *Bytown.* |
| *Andrew Melville | Alexander Moffatt | *Pembroke.* |
| *John Corbett | Thomas Stevenson | *Wakefield.* |
| *Peter Gray | Duncan Cram | *Beckwith.* |
| *James B. Duncan | Thomas Nicol | *Perth.* |
| *John Gourlay | Robert Kennedy | *Goulbourn and Nepean.* |
| | James Youll | *Ramsay.* |
| | William Cuthbertson | *Dalhousie.* |
| | William King | *Bristol.* |

SIMON C. FRASER, McNab and Horton, *Presbytery Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|---|---|---|
| *Daniel Clark | | *Indian Lands.* |
| David Black | John Hettrick | *Ste. Therèse de Blainville.* |
| *Thomas Henry | | *Lachute.* |
| James Charles Quin | | *Cornwall and Osnabruck.* |
| *Robert C. Swinton | William Hall | *St. Louis & North Georgetown.* |
| *William Troup | Moses Douglas | *English River.* |
| *Donald Fraser | John Redpath | *Montreal, Coté-street.* |
| | P. Maclagan, M. D | " *St. Gabriel street.* |
| | James Gibb | *Quebec.* |
| A. Cameron, Ord. Mis. | *Donald Cattanach | *Lochiel.* |
| | Neil Stewart | *Vankleekhill.* |
| D. Gordon, Ord. Mis | Donald McKay | *Lingwick.* |
| | | *Leeds and St. Sylvester.* |
| | | *Inverness.* |
| | | *St. Eustache & Grand Frenière.* |
| | | *Martintown.* |
| | | *Melbourne.* |
| | | *Henriville.* |
| | | *La Guerre.* |
| | | *Rowden.* |
| | | *Portneuf.* |
| | | *Metis.* |

DONALD FRASER, A.M., Montreal, *Presbytery Clerk.*

## PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|---|---|---|
| William Macalister | | *Sarnia and Plympton.* |
| *William King | | *Buxton.* |
| Angus McColl | *Donald McLellan | *Chatham.* |
| W. R. Sutherland | | *Ekfrid and Mosa.* |
| John Fraser | | *St. Thomas.* |
| *John Scott | *John Burns | *London.* |
| Lachlan McPherson | | *Williams.* |
| Donald McKenzie | | *Zorra.* |
| *Robert Wallace | | *Ingersoll.* |

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—(*Continued.*)

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|---|---|---|
| *William S. Ball..... | W. Smith ..... | *Woodstock.* |
| John Ross..... | George Walker..... | *Brucefield.* |
| William Graham..... | | *Bayfield.* |
| Daniel Allan..... | | *North Easthope.* |
| *Thomas McPherson..... | | *Stratford.* |
| *Duncan McRuar..... | | *Blenheim.** |
| Duncan McDiarmid... | George Gunn..... | *Woodstock, (Gaelic).* |

JOHN SCOTT, London, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

| MINISTERS. | ELDERS. | CONGREGATIONS. |
|---|---|---|
| George Cheyne..... | | *Saltfleet and Binbrook.* |
| Robert Lindsay..... | | *Ayr.* |
| Mark Y. Stark..... | *Thomas Mair..... | *Dundas and Ancaster.* |
| *John Bayne..... | George Davidson..... | *Galt.* |
| *George Smellie..... | *A. D. Ferrier..... | *Fergus.* |
| *George P. Young..... | *James Webster..... | *Hamilton.* |
| William Meldrum..... | Alex. McKenzie..... | *Puslinch.* |
| *Alex. McLean ..... | Charles H. Morgan... | *Wellington Square.* |
| John G. McGregor..... | | *Guelph.* |
| John McKinnon..... | John Fisher..... | *Owen Sound.* |
| *Andrew Wilson..... | | *Port Dover.* |
| *John Alexander..... | | *Niagara.* |
| | | *Caledonia.* |
| | | *Thorold.* |
| | | *Marine Church, Flamboro'.* |
| | | *Arthur, Saugeen, &c.* |
| | | *Woolwich and Doon Mills.* |
| | | *Walpole.* |
| | | *Dunnville.* |

MARK Y. STARK, Dundas, *Presbytery Clerk.*

On motion made and seconded, Mr. THOMAS WIGHTMAN, Minister at York Mills, was unanimously elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

The Synod appointed the following Committee on Bills and Overtures, viz.: The Moderator and Clerks of Synod, Mr. Bayne, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Roger, Mr. Robert Boyd, Mr. Lowrie, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Wardrope, Mr. Burns, Mr. Robert Reid, Mr. Young, Mr. Gray, Mr. Ure, Mr. John W. Smith, Mr. Duncan, Mr. D. Fraser, Mr. Scott, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Gregg, Ministers, and Mr. Ferrier, Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Webster, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Joseph Reid,

* This charge is trasferred to the Presbytery of Hamilton, and Mr. McRuar's name will now stand on the roll of that Presbytery.



Mr. McLellan, and Mr. Mair, Elders. The Committee to meet at three o'clock, P. M., and afterwards at the call of the Moderator.

The Synod appointed the following Committee on Finance, instructing them to report on the state of the Funds of all the Schemes of the Church for the past year, viz.: Mr. Gregg and Mr. Wardrope, Ministers; and Messrs. A. D. Ferrier, J. McMurrich, James Paterson, and J. Webster, Elders.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod resolved to meet for business at half-past nine, A. M., continuing in Session until one—to meet again at three, continuing in Session until five—and to meet again in the evening at seven.

On motion made and seconded, the Synod appointed Dr. Burns, Mr. Ure, and Mr. Paterson, a Committee to draw up a notice to be entered on the record in regard to the late Mr. W. Rintoul, Minister of St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, and long connected with this Church in various capacities.

The Synod adjourned, to meet at Seven o'clock, P. M., and the diet was closed with prayer.

## SESSION II.

KINGSTON, WEDNESDAY, 9*th June*, 1852,
*Seven o'clock, p. m.*

The Synod again met, and after Devotional Exercises, which were conducted by the Moderator, Mr. J. M. Roger, and Mr. Lowry, was constituted for business.

The minutes of the former diet were read and sustained.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in a Report, which was received and adopted.

Thereafter the Synod proceeded to take up an Overture from the Presbytery of Cobourg, on the subject of the Revival of Religion; after several members of Synod had addressed the house, the farther consideration of the Overture was deferred until Monday evening.

Leave was granted for Presbyteries to meet in Kingston, during the present Sessions of Synod, for the transaction of any competent business.

Presbytery Records were called for, and the following Committees were appointed for revising them, viz.:—

On the Record of the Presbytery of Toronto—Mr. Gregg, and Mr. McLean, Ministers; and Mr. Tully, Elder.

On the Record of the Presbytery of Cobourg—Mr. Scott and Mr. McMurray, Ministers; and Mr. Mair, Elder.

On the Record of the Presbytery of Kingston—Mr. Wardrope and Mr. Roger, Ministers; and Mr. Webster, Elder.

On the Record of the Presbytery of Brockville—Mr. Hudson and Mr. Andrews, Ministers; and Mr. Rankin, Elder.

On the Record of the Presbytery of Perth—Mr. Young and Mr. John Gray, Ministers; and Mr. McLaughlin, Elder.

On the Record of the Presbytery of Montreal—Dr. Burns and Mr. Joseph Alexander, Ministers; and Dr. Dickson, Elder.

On the Record of the Presbytery of Hamilton—Mr. D. Fraser and Mr. R. F. Burns, Ministers; and Mr. Dallas, Elder.

The first named Minister in each Committee to be Convener.

The Synod appointed the following Committee for revising the Synod and Commission Records, viz.: Mr. R. Boyd, Convener, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Roger, Mr. McPherson, Ministers; and Mr. Paterson and Mr. Forrester, Elders.

The Synod appointed the following Committee for examining and reporting on the Statistical Returns, viz.: Mr. P. Gray, Convener, Mr. Gregg, Mr. John Alexander, Mr. McRuar, Ministers; and Messrs. William Ferguson and Samuel Wallace, Elders.

The following Ministers were appointed to preach on Sabbath, viz.: in Chalmers' Church, Mr. John Scott in the morning, Mr. J. W. Smith in the afternoon, and Mr. D. Fraser in the evening; in Brock Street Church, Mr. Henry in the morning, Mr. R. Ure in the afternoon, and Mr. F. Andrews in the evening.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to meet in Brock Street Church, tomorrow morning, at half-past nine o'clock.

Thereafter the diet was closed with the benediction.

## SESSION III.

KINGSTON, BROCK STREET CHURCH,
THURSDAY, 10*th June*, 1852, 9½ *o'clock, a. m.*

The Synod met, according to adjournment, and after Devotional Exercises, was constituted for business.



The Synod Roll was called, and the names of members in attendance were marked.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in a report which was sustained.

The Synod then proceeded to consider an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, with regard to the despatch of business in the Synod. It was moved and seconded, that the Overture be adopted, and that in terms thereof the Synod adopt the rule that no member be allowed to speak more than once upon the same subject unless it be in explanation, or on the express call of the Synod, with the exception that the maker of a motion shall have the right of reply before his motion be put to the meeting.

It was in amendment moved and seconded, that the Synod approve the design of the Overture, and while imposing no stringent rule additional to what exists, yet would urge on the attention of members of this house the utmost regard to the time of the Synod, and the great object of expediting discussion, and in this spirit agree to support the authority of the Moderator in enforcing order.

The roll was called and the votes marked, when there voted for the motion thirty-six, and for the amendment twenty-one. The motion was accordingly declared to be carried, and the Synod resolved in terms thereof.

The Synod then called for the Report of the College Committee, which was given in and read by Dr. Willis, Convener.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to receive the Report, and to appoint a Committee to confer with the Profesors on the subjects referred to in the Report, and report to the Synod at a future diet. The Committee to consist of Mr. Bayne, Convener, Mr. Reid, Mr. Young, Mr. Gregg, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Ure, and Mr. Fraser, ministers; and Mr. Paterson, Mr. Ferrier, Mr. McLellan, and Mr. Burns, elders.

It was, on motion made and seconded, agreed, that the next ordinary meeting of Synod be held at Hamilton, and within Knox's Church there, on the second Wednesday of June, 1853, at three o'clock, P. M.

The Synod then called for the Reports of Presbyteries on the 8th clause of the proposed charter of Incorporation for Knox's College. Reports were given in by the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Cobourg, Kingston, Brockville, and Montreal. The Reports were read, and after discussion the following motion was agreed to, viz:

The Synod considering the varieties of opinion on the subject of the Charter in question, and considering farther, that one great

benefit contemplated by the proposed Charter has been practically gained by the admission of a representative of the Church and College into the Senate of the University of Toronto, delay in the meantime, any application for such Charter.

The Synod adjourned to meet at Three o'clock, P. M., and the diet was closed with prayer.

## SESSION IV.

KINGSTON, THURSDAY, 10*th June*, 1852,
*Three o'clock, p m.*

The Synod again met and was constituted.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

The Synod called for the Report of the Committee on the Clergy Reserves and Rectories. Dr Burns, the Convener of the Committee, verbally reported that circumstances had prevented any meeting of the Committee.

The Synod re-appoint the Committee, Dr. Burns Convener, with power to add to their number, with instructions to embrace any opportunity, that might present itself, of advancing the important object for which the Committee was at first appointed, and report at next meeting of Synod.

The Synod then called for the Reports of Presbyteries on the draft of the Declaratory Act, with regard to certain parts of the Confession of Faith. Reports were given in from the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Kingston, Brockville, Perth, and Montreal. It was agreed to refer these Reports to a Committee consisting of Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Boyd, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Scott, ministers; and Mr. McLellan Mr. Cattanach, and Mr. Ferrier, elders; with instructions to the Committee to consider and digest said reports, and draft an explanatory note or declaration in accordance with the general mind of the Church.

The Synod then took up a reference from the Presbytery of Montreal regarding the congregation of Indian Lands, and Mr. Daniel Clark, minister of that congregation. Mr. D. Fraser was heard on the subject of the reference.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to sustain the reference, and refer all the papers in the case to a Committee consisting of Dr. Burns, Mr. Bayne, and Mr. McLeod, the Committee to meetwith the Presbytery of Montreal, and report at a future diet.



The Synod then took up a petition from the Presbytery of London, praying for the transference of Willis' Church, Blenheim, to the Presbytery of Hamilton.

After deliberation, it was agreed to grant the prayer of the petition, and annex Willis' Church to the Presbytery of Hamilton, and to transfer the name of Mr. McRuar, minister of said Church, from the roll of the Presbytery of London to the roll of the Presbytery of Hamilton.

Thereafter, the Synod took up a petition from the Presbytery of Toronto, praying for the transference of Nassagaweya from that Presbytery to the Presbytery of Hamilton.

After deliberation, it was agreed to grant the prayer of the petition, and to annex Nassagaweya to the Presbytery of Hamilton.

The Synod adjourned to meet at Seven o'clock, P.M., and the diet was closed with the benediction.

## SESSION V.

KINGSTON, THURSDAY, *June* 10*th*, 1852.
*Seven o'clock, p. m.*

The Synod again met and was constituted.

After devotional exercises, the minutes of the last diet were read and sustained.

The Synod then called for the Report of the Home Mission Committee, which was read by Mr. Young, in the absence, owing to indisposition, of the Convener, Mr. Gale.

Interesting statements were made by Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, and Mr. D. Fraser, in regard to the Red River Mission, Buxton Mission and the Mission at Metis, Canada East.

Reports of the various Presbyteries in regard to Missionary operations within their bounds during the past year, were also read.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to receive the Report of the Home Mission Committee; record the thanks of the Synod to the Convener for his diligence and zeal, and appoint a Committee consisting of Mr. Roger, Convener, Mr. Young, and Mr. J. W. Smith, ministers; and Mr. J. Burns and Mr. McLellan, elders; to consider the various points embraced in the Report, and report on these at a future diet.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, and the diet was closed with prayer.

## SESSION VI.

KINGSTON, FRIDAY, *June 11th*, 1852.
*Ten o'clock, a. m.*

The Synod met and was constituted.

After devotional exercises, the minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved, that the Synod having reason to believe that Dr. Willis, Professor of Theology, in Knox's College, will be in Britain during the next month, do unite in cordially requesting him, that, if in accordance with his arrangements and convenience, he would attend the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and that if he can comply with this request, the Synod, through its Moderator and Clerks, furnish him with a commission, authorizing him to represent this Synod before that Assembly, and to communicate to the Church in Ireland, such information respecting the religious state of Canada, and the want of ministerial laborers, as he may think best calculated to promote her co-operation with this Church, in extending the blessings and privileges of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ throughout the Province.

The Synod took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, on the subject of a Book of Discipline. At the same time the Synod called for the Report of the Committee appointed to prepare such book. No report was given.

The Synod, impressed with a sense of the importance of having such a Directory, appointed Dr. Willis, in connection with Mr. Smellie, to prepare such a book, to be submitted to the Synod at its next meeting.

Application was made to the Synod by the Presbytery of Hamilton, for leave to take on trials for license, Mr. W. McLaren, Student of Divinity. The Synod granted leave.

Application was made to the Synod by the Presbytery of London, for leave to take on trials for license, Mr. Andrew Tolmie, Student of Divinity. The Synod granted leave.

Application was made to the Synod by the Presbytery of Perth, to take on trials for license, Mr. George Wardrope, Student of Divinity. The Synod granted leave.

Application was made to the Synod by the Presbytery of Cobourg, for leave to receive, as a minister of this Church, Mr. D. McAleese, formerly connected with the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the United States.



The Synod, finding that the regular steps had been taken in an orderly manner by the Presbytery of Cobourg, granted leave to receive Mr. McAleese.

Dr. Burns, in behalf of the Committee appointed in the case of Mr. Clark and the Congregation of Indian Lands, reported that they had conferred with the Presbytery of Montreal, on the subject referred to them by the Synod, and that Mr. Clark had given in his resignation of the pastoral charge of Indian Lands and Kenyon.—The Synod sustained the Report, and agreed to remit to the Presbytery of Montreal Mr. Clark's resignation.

Dr. Burns gave in the following draft of a minute, regarding the late Mr. Rintoul, which was read, and unanimously adopted by the Synod:—

The members of Synod, bowing to the will of the great Disposer of events, in the sudden and lamented removal of their late respected brother, Mr. Rintoul, desire to record their sympathy with his bereaved family and flock, and to commend them to the gracious care of the Chief Shepherd. They see in the event so painful the sovereignty of Jehovah. They thank God that he was pleased to spare the life of their departed brother for so many years of labor and of usefulness; and now that he is removed, they feel a deeper sense than ever of their own responsibility, and their desire that grace may be given in larger and larger measure to every office-bearer in the Church, that he may be enabled to discharge his duties with increasing fidelity.

The members of Synod look back with affectionate interest on the lengthened period of their intercourse with Mr. Rintoul, and now that the stamp of death has been set on his character and labors, they do cordially concur in entering on record their high estimate of both. His piety was genuine and unaffected; his judgment was sound, and his prudence, meekness, and unostentatious benevolence, endeared him unto all. As a pastor, in different stations of the Church at home, and in this colony, he was faithful and conscientious. As a teacher in the literary and biblical departments of our college, he was most indefatigable in his efforts for the benefit of the young men, to whom he endeared himself by his devotedness, assiduity, and friendly disinterestedness. In his relation to the Synod as their clerk, he was ever characterised by accuracy and faithfulness. As a friend and Christian brother, his disinterested services on all occasions were invaluable, and they were ever most cheerfully rendered.

The Synod authorise their Moderator and Clerks to transmit a copy of this minute to the family of Mr. Rintoul, and to the kirk session of the congregation of St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal.

The Synod then called for the Report of the Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Scheme. The report was given in and read by Mr. A. D. Ferrier, in the absence of Mr. Fisher, Convener.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to receive the report, and tender the cordial thanks of the Synod to the Convener and Committee, for their disinterested zeal and diligence in the important matter entrusted to them.

It was also agreed to express the thanks of the Synod to Dr. Burns and others, who had devoted their time and attention to this

matter, so intimately connected with the prosperity and progress of the Church.

The Synod then proceeded to consider, seriatim, the Regulations drawn up by the Committee, and submitted to the Synod in their report.

Regulations 1st and 2nd were unanimously adopted.

The hour of adjournment having come, the farther consideration of their Regulations was reserved for next diet, and this session was closed with prayer.

## SESSION VII.

KINGSTON, FRIDAY, 11*th June*, 1852,
*Three o'clock, p. m.*

The Synod again met, and was constituted.

The minutes of last sederunt were read and sustained.

The Synod resumed consideration of the Regulations submitted by the Committee, on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

After discussion, the 3rd Regulation was approved; the 4th was also adopted; the 5th was approved, with the exception of the last clause; the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th, were also agreed to.

The Regulations, as adopted by the Synod, are as follows, viz:

1. Ministers shall forward their annual rate of £2 to the Treasurer, on or before the first of November. Ministers falling into arrears, shall pay in addition to the regular rate, 10s. for the first year, 20s. for the second year, and 30s. for the third year; but failing for four years, they shall be cut off from the Fund. Notice of failure to pay in every case, to be previously given.

2. Entrants into the ministry, shall pay their first rate on the first November next, following their ordination or induction.

3. In the event of any minister ceasing to labor as such in the capacity of Pastor, Professor, or Missionary of this Church, he shall no longer (except in the case of infirmity or old age,) have any interest in, or right to, the benefits of the Fund; always providing, that the amount paid by him into the Fund, shall be returned with legal interest.

4. Each widow or orphan family shall receive their annuity half-yearly, by equal instalments, on the 1st May and 1st November—their warrants in each case for drawing such annuity, being the certificate of the Presbytery Clerk or Minister, or Session Clerk of the congregation to which they may belong. The claim of the widow shall date from the first term following the death of her husband, and the annuity cease at the term next following her death or marriage. The claim of each orphan child shall terminate at the completion of its fourteenth year.

5. Payment of Annuities shall be made directly into the hands of the annuitants, or of persons duly authorised to act for them, upon production of the certificate of the Presbytery or Session Clerk, in such manner as annuitants may desire. Children's annuities shall be payable to their natural, legal, or authorised guardians, only on the Committees being satisfied that such annuities will be administered with a due regard to the best interests of the children.



6. Ministers coming from other churches, of the age of 45 years, and under 60, shall not be admitted to share in the benefits of the Scheme, except upon the annual payment of £6; nor can any minister from another church, whose age is 60, or over, be admitted.

7. There shall be a Treasurer appointed by the Synod, who shall give such security as the Committee shall think proper, and who shall receive such remuneration as the Committee shall determine, whose duties shall be to receive and manage the funds of the Scheme, invest moneys, pay annuities, subject to the foregoing rules, and lay a full statement of his proceedings annually before the Synod.

8. A Committee of Management shall be appointed from year to year, by the Synod, whose duties shall be to take a general superintendency of the Scheme between the meetings of Synod—direct and aid the Treasurer in the investment of moneys, or in any other important business—to examine his books and vouchers at the close of the year, and report thereon to the Synod.

9. Presbytery Clerks shall be enjoined to forward, annually, on the 1st January, to the Treasurer of the Fund, a list of all the ministers within their bounds, their condition, married or unmarried; also the number and ages of their children, and all changes in their families made by births, marriages, or deaths.

10. The Synod to provide that the operations of the Scheme be more particularly investigated once in five years, or oftener, should there appear any probability of an inroad on the capital, by unlooked for emergencies, and to provide for the same should they occur.

11. In case any difference or dispute shall arise in relation to the Fund, and its affairs between the Committee of Management and Annuitants, or those claiming to be connected with them, the same shall be determined by Arbitrators mutually chosen.

The proposed rates payable to Widows and Orphans, were agreed to, viz: that each Widow having no children shall receive £30 per annum; a Widow with one child, £35; a Widow with two children, £37 10s.; a Widow having three or more children, £40. A single Orphan shall receive an annuity of £10; a family of two Orphans, £15; of three, £20; and of four, or a greater number, £25. After the age of fourteen, the charge of the children shall not be considered as devolving any longer upon the Fund. The annuity of the Widow, however, shall be for life, or until a second marriage; but in no case, whatever may be the number of children, or their ages, shall the sum allotted to one family, exceed £40.

The Committee for the ensuing year was appointed as follows:

Dr. Burns, Mr. Smellie, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Gale, Mr. John Scott, Mr. R. Boyd, Mr. McLean, Mr. D. Fraser, ministers; and Mr. Fisher, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Elmslie, Mr. Walker, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Geo. Davidson, Mr. Blain, Mr. Ferrier, Mr. McMurrich, Mr. James Shaw, Mr. Spreull, Mr. Burns, Mr. Brodie, Mr. Morgan, Hon. J. McDonald, Mr. Durie, Mr. W. H. Ellerbeck,

Mr. Fraser, London, Mr. Smith, Woodstock, Mr. Miller, Mr. A. McAlister, Dr. Dickson, Mr. C. S. Paterson, Mr. William Murray, Mr. J. Redpath, Mr. D. Davidson, Mr. J. B. Greenshields, Mr. Jas. Gibb, Mr. John Munn, Mr. D. Cattanach, Mr. James Paterson, Mr. McNabb, with power to add to their number. Mr. Fisher to be Convener.

The Synod also elected Mr. John Burns to be Treasurer to the Fund.

The Committee were authorised to consult an Actuary with reference to the Scheme, if they shall see cause to do so.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed that no alteration shall be made in the Regulations now adopted by the Synod, unless notice to that effect shall have been given in the *Record*, for at least the period of three months before the annual meeting of Synod.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at Seven o'clock, P. M., and the diet was closed with prayer.

## SESSION VIII.

KINGSTON, FRIDAY, *June 11th*, 1852.
*Seven o'clock, p. m.*

The Synod again met and was constituted.

After devotional exercises, the minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

The Report of the Agency Committee on the subject of the Sustentation of the Ministry was called for. In the absence of the Convener, Mr. Gale, Mr. McLeod gave in a verbal report, presenting at the same time, a full report from the Sustentation Board of the Presbytery of Cobourg.

On motion made and seconded, it was resolved that the Synod instruct Presbyteries to give special attention to the financial condition of their several congregations, through a Financial Board, or otherwise, and particularly to require quarterly or half-yearly returns from all congregations, specifying the amount raised for the support of the ministry and for the various schemes of the Church.

The Synod then took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Kingston, on the subject of Intemperance.

After lengthened discussion, the following deliverance was come to without a vote:—



That the Synod adopt the overture of the Presbytery of Kingston, on the subject of Intemperance, and, in accordance with its recommendation, agree to petition the Legislature of the Province to enact a law for the total suppression of the importation, manufacture, and sale of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and that the Moderator and Synod Clerks be empowered to prepare, sign, and forward a petition to this effect; that the Synod moreover recommend each congregation to adopt similar petitions, and appoint the following committee to take further measures for the suppression of Intemperance, viz:—Mr. William Reid, Convener, Messrs. Bayne, Gordon, Smith of Grafton, Gregg, ministers; and Hon. John McDonald, Messrs. James Breakenridge, George Robertson, D. Cattanach, elders.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M., and the diet was closed with prayer.

## SESSION IX.

KINGSTON, SVTURDAY, 12*th June*, 1852,
*Nine o'clock, a. m.*

The Synod again met and was constituted.

After devotional exercises, the minutes of last Sederunt were read and sustained.

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved, that in order to define the position of Mr. Alexander Gale, Principal of the Toronto Academy, in regard to the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, the Synod declare, as they hereby do, that, in consideration of his long and faithful services to the Church, which has been so largely benefited by his experience and talents in conducting her business in trying times; in consideration of his whole life having been devoted to her interests, and in consideration of his ceasing to be a Pastor, (although still continuing to do ministerial duty) by the act of the Church, Mr. Gale is fully entitled both morally and legally, to participate in all the benefits of this Fund.

The Synod appointed the following Committee, viz: Dr. Willis, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Roger, Mr. Lowry, ministers; and Mr. McLellan, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Webster, Mr. Mair, and Mr. Kennedy, elders, to consider the peculiar position of Mr. Gale with relation to the Synod, and to report.

The Committee on Finance gave in a Report which was read by Mr. Ferrier, Convener.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to sustain the Report.

The Synod then took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto, in regard to the right to celebrate marriage in the Province.

The Synod resolved unanimously to adopt this Overture, and in terms thereof to petition the Legislature, praying that the distinction made by the law between ministers of different Churches in regard to the right to celebrate marriages, may be removed. The Synod further appointed a Committee consisting of Mr. Smellie, Convener, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Hudson, ministers; and Mr. Mair, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Webster, Mr. Cattanach, and Mr. Kennedy, elders; to draft a Petition to be submitted at a future diet.

An application from the Presbytery of Montreal, was then taken up requesting the authority of the Synod to seek a special Act from the Legislature in regard to the keeping of Registers in Canada East. The Synod directed the Presbytery of Montreal to mature the draft of an act on this subject, to be submitted to the Commission of Synod, authorising the Commission, at the same time, to sanction the application to the Legislature, by the Presbytery of Montreal, if they shall see cause.

The Synod then took up a Memorial from the Presbytery of Perth in regard to the supply of Ramsay. It was agreed to refer the memorial to the Home Mission Committee, recommending the case of Ramsay to their most favourable consideration.

There was then read a Memorial from certain individuals at Amherstburgh, calling themselves the Evangelical Union Church, in regard to the Church property there. After hearing the Memorial and hearing also a statement from Mr. Burns, Agent for the Church, the following motion was unanimously adopted, viz:—

The Synod regret that the members of the so-called Evangelical Union Church, at Amherstburgh, had not at the proper time and in the spirit which they now inculcate upon the Synod, acceded to the oft-repeated proposals of the members of the Presbyterian Church at Amherstburgh, for the settlement of the claims of each party, respectively, to the Church in Amherstburgh, according to the terms of the deed. The members of the Presbyterian Church, aforesaid, were not only bound by the deed, but anxiously desirous to effect an amicable arrangement, when they were forced into the Civil Court by the other party, who would only treat with them on the conditions that the relative numbers of the parties and the amount of their claims should be determined by a communion roll, to which additions had been made in a manner unauthorised by the Church, to whose government they were alike bound by the most solemn obligations.

The Synod having the fullest confidence in the members of the Presbyterian Church at Amherstburgh, would leave the matter in their own hands, believing that they are incapable of taking any undue advantage of the memorialists, if it were in their power, in consequence of legal decisions or otherwise.

The Synod then took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Perth, in regard to the status of ministers of this Church in Scotland and Ireland. After conference on the subject of the Overture, it was, with the permission of the Synod, withdrawn.

The Synod, after appointing a prayer meeting to take place this evening, at Seven o'clock, adjourned, to meet for business on Monday, at Ten o'clock, A. M. The diet was then closed with prayer.



## SESSION X.

KINGSTON, MONDAY, *June 14th*, 1852.
*Ten o'clock, a. m.*

The Synod again met and was constituted.

After devotional exercises, the minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

The Committee appointed to revise the Synod and Commission Records, reported that the same were correctly and carefully kept. The Synod sustained the report and ordered the Records to be attested accordingly.

Reports were given in on the Records of the Presbyteries of Toronto, Cobourg, Kingston, Brockville, Perth, Montreal, and Hamilton. The Synod sustained these Reports, and ordered the Records to be attested in the terms of the several reports.

A communication was read from the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance in Canada West, and there were laid at the same time on the table, seventy copies of the Maine Liquor Law, for the use of the ministers of the Church. On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved

That the thanks of Synod be recorded to the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, for the seventy copies of the Maine Liquor Law, presented by them for distribution among the members of Synod; and that the Clerks be instructed to address to Mr. Jackson a copy of the deliverance of Synod on the subject of petitioning our own Legislature to adopt a similar law.

The Synod then called for the Report of the Committee appointed to digest the Reports of Presbyteries on the proposed Declaratory Act, with reference to certain expressions in the Westminster Confession of Faith. It was stated on the part of the Committee that circumstances had prevented a full meeting of the members of the Committee from taking place. The Synod appointed the following Committee, viz: Mr. Reid, Convener, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Bayne, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Scott, Mr. Wardrope, ministers; and Mr. Anderson, Mr. Jeffrey, and Mr. Heron, elders; maturely to consider the Reports of Presbyteries, correspond farther with Presbyteries if they shall see cause, and submit an enactment, or explanation, to the Synod at its next annual meeting.

The Presbytery of Montreal reported their proceedings in the case of Mr. McConechy. The Synod approved of what the Presbytery of Montreal had done, and agreed to leave the case in their hands.

Mr. Burns gave in a Report on the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record*. On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to sustain

the Report, and tender to Mr. Burns the thanks of the Synod for the manner in which he has conducted the *Record*. The Synod at the same time directed Presbyteries to take steps for increasing the circulation of the *Record* throughout the congregations of the Church, and re-appointed the Committee as follows, viz: Mr. Gale, Convener, Mr. Esson, Dr. Willis, Dr. Burns, the Moderator, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Ure, ministers; and Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Paterson, and Mr. McLellan, elders.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed that the balances from the publication of the *Record*, after the fourth volume, should be paid to Mr. Burns, in part payment of his services as Agent, the profits of the fourth volume being paid to Mr. Burns in compensation of his labour in connexion with the *Record*, prior to his being Agent for the Church.

The Synod appointed the Agency Committee as follows, viz.:—The Moderator, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale, Mr. Young, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Ure, Mr. Lowry, Ministers; and Mr. McMurrich, Mr. James Shaw, Mr. Spreull, Mr. Leask, Mr. Kay, Mr. Fisher, Mr. McLellan and Mr. Jeffrey; Mr. Gale and Mr. Ure to be joint Conveners.

The Synod then took into consideration a recommendation of the Presbytery of Perth to discontinue the appointment of a Commission of Synod. It was agreed to continue the Commission, and to appoint one stated meeting of the Commission to take place in Toronto, on the 3rd Wednesday of October, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The Committee appointed to consider the peculiar relation of Mr. Gale to the Synod, gave in a Report, which was sustained. The Synod appointed the following Committee, viz.: Mr. Bayne, Mr. McLellan and Mr. Burns, to confer with Mr. Gale, whether any portion of his time could be placed at the disposal of this Synod, in connexion with the Home Mission—the Committee to report to the Commission of Synod,—the Commission being empowered to secure the services of Mr. Gale, if they shall see cause.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the various points contained in the College Report, gave in a report.—The report being maturely considered, was adopted, and in terms thereof, the Synod resolved,

1. That, considering the increasing facilities, throughout the Province, for the preliminary training of applicants for admission to Knox's College, no permanent provision for this object is required to be made, in connection with the College: but that, as it is desirable that some interim arrangement should be made, the Professors' Court be empowered, after conference with the College Committee, to make such arrangement as they shall see fit, charging the College Fund with any additional expense which may be necessary; which, the Synod are of opinion, will not be to any great extent.

2. That the Professors' Court be instructed to prepare a full draft of what they consider necessary as to the curriculum of study, and to report to the ensuing Synod.



3. That the attention of the Professors' Court be called to the great importance of the Students' being carefully trained *for public reading and speaking*.

4. That a responsible Librarian be appointed to take charge of the valuable and increasing Library connected with the College; his Salary not to exceed £20 per annum.

5. That, while it is regarded as inexpedient, at present, to make any general appeal to the people, for the raising of funds for College Buildings, or the endowment of Professorships, the attention of the Church be directed to these most imdortant and necessary objects.

6. That the College Committee be empowered to make arrangements about the Boarding House, with the injunction that if they see fit to continue that establishment, they endeavour to free the College Fund, as much as possible, of any expense in connexion with it.

The Synod appointed the College Committee for the year, as follows, viz:—The Moderator, Mr. D. McKenzie, Mr. Scott, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Young, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Ure, Mr. McLeod, Mr. W. J. McKenzie, Mr. Reid, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Geggie, Mr. Wardrope, Mr Duncan, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Fraser, ministers; and Mr. Webster, Mr. Mair, Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Burns, Mr. Jeffrey, Mr. Tully, Mr. Anderson, Dr. Dickson, Mr. Joseph Reid, Mr. Breakenridge, Mr. D. Kennedy, Mr. D. Cram, Dr. Maclagan, Mr. Redpath, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Gunn, elders; together with the Professors of Knox's College, and Messrs. John Shaw, Samuel Spreull, and Alexander McGlashan, of Toronto. Dr. Willis, Convener.

The Synod then called for the Report of the Committee on the subject of Slavery. Dr. Willis, Convener, reported verbally. The Synod re-appointed the Committee in terms of the original appointment. Dr. Willis, Convener; and agreed to request Dr. Willis to give such information to the churches in Britain, as he may think fit, about the state of feeling on the subject of Slavery in the neighbouring States, which the Synod has reason to believe is very far from being in harmony with Christian principle.

## SESSION XI.

KINGSTON, MONDAY, *June 11th*, 1852.
*Three o'clock, p. m.*

The Synod met and was constituted.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustained.

The Committee appointed to consider the Report of the Home Mission Committee, gave in a report. The same having been read, was sustained, and in terms thereof, the Synod resolved—

1. When a missionary, who has been placed under the Synod's Home Mission Committee, neglects or refuses to obey the Committee's instructions, he shall be cited by the Convener to answer for himself at the next meeting of Committee; and if he fail then to give satisfactory explanation of his conduct, or to make reparation, which shall be accepted, his name shall be struck off the roll of Missionaries in the employment of the Committee; and all Presbyteries shall be prohibited from giving him afterwards employment within their bounds; and his claim for salary shall be regarded to have ceased from the time when the offence was committed.

2. As some misunderstanding appears to have arisen, regarding the payment of preachers and catechists, the Synod declares its adherence to the resolutions of last year, prescribing a uniform rate of payment, which Presbyteries shall be required to make to those whom they have invited to labor, or received as laborers within their bounds. With regard to the amount of the rates, there appears to be no sufficient reason for making a change at present. These rates are for Ordained Missionaries and Probationers, £100 per annum, without board, or £80, with board; Catechists, £50, with board. Travelling expenses, within the Presbyteries, to be paid by the Stations; from Presbytery to Presbytery, by the Presbyteries. The Presbytery to which the Missionary is sent, to pay the expenses.

3. It being indispensable that a regular and uniform system of Missionary Reports should be adopted, and this having been utterly neglected hitherto, missionaries shall be required to give in regular reports at stated times to Presbyteries, and Presbyteries to report to the Synod's Home Mission Committee; also, the Convener of the Synod's Committee shall be requested to draw up Forms, in which the said reports shall be prepared, and which shall distinctly indicate the points in regard to which information is desired. These shall be printed and sent down to the several Presbyteries.

4. As the scarcity of missionary laborers has been all along severely felt, and now presses as heavily as at any former period, the Synod recommend that greater efforts than have hitherto been employed should be put forth, in seeking out, and in directing the attention of pious and talented young men in the various congregations, to the need which exists for their services in the ministry of the gospel.

5. The Synod, without at present appointing any general Superintendent of Missions, would recommend Presbyteries to take such steps as may be found practicable to supply the want of such a Superintendent, by sending forth particular ministers within their bounds, or others whose services they may be able to engage, to perform occasional itinerant ministerial work.

The Synod appointed the Home Mission Committee as follows:—The Moderator, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Young, Mr. Gale, Mr. Cheyne, Mr. Ure, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Boyer, Mr. McLeod, Mr. J. W. Smith, Mr. Gregg, Mr. R. F. Burns, Mr. Boyd, Mr. P. Gray, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Henry, Mr. D. Fraser, Mr. D. McKenzie, Mr. Scott, ministers; and Messrs. Davidson, Fisher, McMurrich, Shaw, Morgan, Dr. Dickson, John Morrison, Breakenridge, Dr. Maclagan, Mr. Redpath, Mr. McLellan Mr. Burns, elders. Messrs. Gale and Ure to be Joint Conveners.

The Committee on Statistics gave in the following report, which was adopted by the Synod, and ordered to be handed over to Mr. Burns, to be published in the *Record*, along with the Statistical Table:—



The Synod's Committee on Statistics, &c., beg leave to report, that they have received and examined Presbyterial returns from all the Presbyteries, in regard to which, severally, they offer the following remarks:—

I. HAMILTON. The report seems to be carefully and accurately compiled. Contributions to all the schemes of the Church seem to be made by the congregations generally. In the congregations of Wellington Square and Fergus, the average attendance on worship is less than the number of Church members. In the case of Saltfleet, the minister's stipend is inadequate (£59). In the case of four others the amount of stipend paid does not reach the minimum fixed by Synod.

II. LONDON. Contributions to all the schemes not quite so general among the congregations of this Presbytery. Five congregations have failed to report, viz: Buxton, Chatham, St. Thomas, N. Easthope, Stratford and Blenheim. The last, however, has only been settled five months. In case of four congregations reported, the stipend falls below the minimum. Bayfield calls for notice, £22, so also Ingersoll, £60, Williams, £87.

III. TORONTO. Contributions as in last. No report from four congregations, viz: Barrie and Innisfil, Chinguacousy, Brock, Union and Norval. Stipend under the minimum in the congregations of Caledon, (£60) Acton, (£90) Markham, (£71). In Markham the report says, members, 102, families, 60, average attendance, 30.

IV. COBOURG. Full and accurate report. Contributions as in last. In case of the congregation of Baltimore, &c., the minister's stipend is marked only £89.

V. KINGSTON. Reports accurate and careful. No return from Gananoque congregation. In case of Huntingdon and Tyendinaga, the stipend is below the minimum, £65.

VI. BROCKVILLE. Full and accurate report. The contributions to the schemes of the Church are not so generally attended to (only one for the College, viz: from Prescott) by this Presbytery. In two congregations the stipend is less than the minimum, viz: Prescott, (£75) South Gower (£80).

VII. PERTH. Full and accurate report. Contributions to all the schemes general. No returns presented from the congregation of Osgoode, &c., and from the vacant charges of Dalhousie and Bristol. In four congregations the stipend is less than the minimum, viz:—Wakefield, (£75) McNab, (£79) Pembroke, (£69) Goulburn (£91).

VIII. MONTREAL. The return is incomplete. So far as can be ascertained the contributions to all the schemes are general. Five congregations, viz: Indian Lands, Cornwall, &c., Lingwick, Quebec, Inverness, seem to have made no report at all. From others the reports are imperfect. Every stipend reported but one, is less than the minimum fixed by Synod. The whole report requires investigation and explanation.

Your Committee would beg leave, to suggest to the Synod the propriety of changing the designation of one of the columns "*Heads of Families*" into "*Families*," and to add one column to contain the number of cases of Discipline.

The following motion, in regard to the report, was adopted, viz:

The Report of the Committee on Statistics having been read, and it being very apparent that many irregularities have been committed by congregations, in the way of not contributing, or not contributing sufficiently, to the Schemes of the Church; and it being evident also that many ministers have received stipends much below the minimum recognised by the Synod—Presbyteries are hereby instructed to deal with defaulting congregations as they may deem fit; and it is

enjoined that Presbyteries should prepare a list of such congregations as shall continue to neglect their duty, to be submitted to the Synod for their consideration.

The Synod adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock p. m., and the diet was closed with prayer.

## SESSION XII.

KINGSTON, MONDAY, 14*th June*, 1852,
*Seven o'clock, p. m.*

Mr. D. Fraser read a communication from the Committee of the French Canadian Missionary Society, thanking the Synod for the aid received from the Church, and respectfully asking a continuance of the prayers and contributions of the Congregations of this Church.

The Synod agreed, again, cordially to commend this important subject to the prayers and liberality of the Congregations and Members of the Church, and resolved to appoint one of the quarterly collections to be for this object.

The Synod resumed consideration of the overture from the Presbytery of Cobourg, on the subject of a Revival of Religion. After conference, it was unanimously agreed,

That the Synod approve of the Overture, and resolve, according to its tenor, to instruct Presbyteries to adopt such prompt and efficient measures as they may deem most expedient for the purpose of arresting prevailing sin, and promoting the revival of pure and undefiled religion within their bounds. And the Synod appoint the first Wednesday of October to be observed by this Church as a day of humiliation, confession of sin, and prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the revival of the life and power of godliness within our borders, and that Presbyteries be enjoined to report their diligence to the next meeting of Synod. Further, the Synod appoint Mr. Bayne and Mr. Young a Committee to prepare a pastoral letter, to be published in the *Record*, and read by all the ministers and missionaries of the Church to their several congregations.

The Synod then took up an overture from the Presbytery of Kingston, on the subject of Sabbath Schools. The Synod, cordially recognizing the importance of Sabbath School instruction, approved of the overture, and agreed to appoint a Committee to direct their attention to the subject of Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, generally, and report at next meeting of Synod, recommending, at the same time, that the Committee make, through the medium of the *Record*, such suggestions as they may think best fitted to promote the efficiency and success of Sabbath Schools and Bible



Classes: the Committee to consist of Mr. Gregg, Convener; Mr. McLeod, Mr. Young, Mr. J. W. Smith, Mr. Reid, Mr. Wardrope, and Mr. Hudson, Ministers; and Mr. Robertson, Mr. Anderson, and Dr. Dickson, Elders.

Mr. King, Missionary to the coloured population at Buxton, having been absent when the Home Missionary Report was brought before the Synod, gave in a special Report in regard to the progress and prospects of the Buxton Mission. The Report having been read, the Synod agreed to sustain the Report, and to record their thanks to Mr. King for his fidelity and zeal in prosecuting the work which he has undertaken, as Missionary to the coloured population in Canada.

The Synod then called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath observance; which was given in, and read, by Mr. R. F. Burns, Convener.

On motion, made and seconded, it was resolved,

That the Report be received and approved, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Convener, and that the Synod reappoint the Committee, instructing them to continue their labours with a view to the promotion of the great object of Sabbath Observance. In accordance with the suggestions of the Committee, the Synod resolve to issue a pastoral address on the subject, devolving this duty on Mr. R. F. Burns, Mr. Reid and Mr. Gregg, such address to be published in the *Record*, and read from the pulpit by all ministers and Missionaries, who are also recommended by the Synod to preach in connection therewith a sermon on Sabbath Observance. Farther, the Synod resolve to petition the Legislature on the subject of Sabbath profanation in connection with the Post Office and the Canals, which are under the control of Government, authorising the Moderator and Clerks of Synod to prepare and forward, in name of the Synod, such petitions. The Synod farther recommend all congregations in connection with the Church, to forward similar petitions, and enjoin Kirk Sessions to adopt all competent measures for promoting throughout the land the sanctification of the Sabbath.

The Committee is as follows, viz.:—Mr. R. F. Burns, Convener; Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Reid, Mr. Lowry, and Mr. D. Fraser, Ministers; and Dr. Dickson, Mr. Redpath, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Webster, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rankin, and Mr. McMurrich, Elders.

The Synod then took up an overture from the Presbytery of Montreal, in regard to the legal recognition of certain Holidays in Canada East.

The Synod, approving of the overture, appointed a Committee, consisting of Mr. D. Fraser, Mr. McMurrich, and Mr. Cattanach, to draft a Petition to the Legislature, on this subject. The draft to be submitted to the Synod to-morrow.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at half-past Ten o'clock, A. M., and the diet was closed with prayer.

## SESSION XIII.

KINGSTON, TUESDAY, *June 15th*, 1852.
*10½ o'clock, a. m.*

The Synod met and was constituted.

The minutes of last diet were read and sustaind.

Mr. D. Fraser submitted a draft of a Petition to the Legislature, on the subject of Holidays in Canada East. The Synod approved the draft, and directed the Petition to be written out and signed by the Moderator and Clerks, and to be presented to the Legislative Assembly, by George Brown, Esq., M. P. P., and to the Legislative Council, by the Honourable James Ferrier.

Mr. Smellie, in behalf of the Committee appointed in the matter, submitted the draft of a Petition to the Legislature, in regard to the right to celebrate marriages. The Synod approved the draft, and ordered the Petition to be written out and signed by the Moderator and Clerks.

The Synod appointed the following quarterly collections to be made during the year, viz.:—

1. For the French Canadian Missionary Society, on the 3rd Sabbath of July.
2. For the Buxton Mission and Synod Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of October.
3. For the Foreign Missions of the Free Church, on the 3rd Sabbath of January.
4. For the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, on the 3rd Sabbath of April.

The Synod renewed the instructions given last year to Presbyteries, to see that all congregations within their bounds give due attention to these collections.

The Synod agreed to recommend to Presbyteries to take steps for the formation of Missionary Associations in the various congregations of the Church.

The Synod resolved to make a special effort for the Buxton Mission, for removing the debt incurred in connexion with that Mission, and agreed to recommend this important object to the various congregations within their bounds: Mr. J. M. Roger, Mr. Gale, and Mr. J. Burns were appointed to attend to this matter.

The Synod took up a Memorial from the Missionary Society of Knox's College, praying that the Synod would sanction the payment



of monies collected for the French Canadian population, at Mission Stations supplied by Students, into the hands of the Treasurer of the Students' Missionary Society, with the view of its being appropriated to the support of the Mission at Metis. The Synod agreed to grant the prayer of the Petition.

The Synod unanimously agreed to record their thanks to the Office-bearers and Trustees of Brock Street Church; and, also, to those of Chalmers' Church, for the accommodation kindly afforded to the Synod during the present Session; and to the friends in Kingston, for the hospitality received by the Ministers and Elders, while in the city, attending the meetings of Synod.

The Synod appointed the following members as the Commission of Synod, to meet at Toronto on the 3rd Wednesday of October, viz.: The Moderator and Clerks of Synod; Mr. McKenzie, Mr. McPherson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Stark, Mr. Young, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale, Mr. Ure, Mr. R. Reid, Mr. Burns, Mr. Smart, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Geggie, Mr. P. Gray, Mr. Duncan, Mr. D. Fraser, Mr. Henry, Mr. Swinton and Mr. Melville, Ministers; and Mr. Mr. John Fraser, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Davidson, Mr. McLellan, Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Clark, Mr. Paterson, Mr. J. Carruthers, Mr. George Robertson, Dr. Dickson, Honourable John McDonald, Mr. Breakenridge, Mr. John Miller, Mr. John Morrison, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. John McDonald, Mr. Hettrick, Mr. Redpath, Dr. Maclagan, Mr. Webster, Mr. Mair, Mr. Gibb and Mr. A. D. Ferrier, Elders.

The business being now finished, the Moderator addressed the Synod, and announced that the next ordinary meeting of Synod would be held in the City of Hamilton, and within Knox's Church, on the second Wednesday of June, 1853, at 3 o'clock P. M.

After prayer and singing part of the 122nd Psalm, the Synod was closed with the Benediction.

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